

ABSTRACT

A fast service scan is provided for recovering programming services in a received digital data transmission, such as a digital television transmission. A receiver (100) stores frequency data (104) for different transmission standards, as well as a country or region setting (105) based on the location of the receiver. The frequency data may be provided, e.g., via a software download, flash card, or pre-programming. The service scan is initiated when a reset or installation of the receiver occurs. The frequency data for the identified transmission standard is identified, and used to control a tuner (102) at the receiver to tune only to the identified frequencies to recover the programming services, thereby reducing the scan time.